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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

FBI, Secret Service Need Study

By Drew Pearson

There are three Government encies that are sacrosanct far as congressional in-stigation or criticism is con-rned: the I, the Secret rvice and e Central In-lligence ency. In the erest of pro-ting the life the Presi-t, however, s my belief at a rigorous vestiga-n of the first two should undertaken.

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Here are some facts that ould be investigated:

The Secret Service—Six Se-et Service men charged with rotecting the President were the Fort Worth Press Club rly in the morning of Fri-y, Nov. 22, some of them un- nearly 3 a.m. This was the y that President Kennedy s assassinated. They were inking. When they departed, ree were reported en route an all-night beatnik rendez-a, "The Cellar."

The Secret Service, which done a notably good job the past, prides itself on ng men who will give their s for the President. They charged with throwing ir own bodies in front of President in case of at-k.

For the sake of maintaining s splendid reputation, the cret Service should disclose the public the names of se six men, lest they wise reflect on [illegible] ganization. Additionally ould make known what [illegible] [illegible] if any, it pre[illegible] heard them.

Obviously men who have been drinking until nearly 3 a.m. are in no condition to be [illegible] or in the best physical shape to protect anyone.

It has been stated that it was an impossibility for the Secret Service to check the occupancy of every building along the route. While this is true it is also true that warehouse type buildings, such as that in which the assassin hid, should be searched, and the extra time spent by Secret Service men at the Fort Worth Press Club could have been spent in doing so.

Fort Worth Press Club

What happened at Fort Worth was that the Press Club, which is supposed to close at 10 p.m. under local liquor laws, sent word inviting Vice President Johnson and Gov. Connally, both honorary members, to come over, and on that excuse stayed open after hours. Neither Johnson nor Connally accepted the invitation but the Club stayed open anyway.

When I asked Calvin Sutton, president of the Club, he explained that "A lot of big bylines were in town whom we had heard about but never seen in person, so we took the liberty of staying open. We shouldn't have done it, but we did.

[illegible] of [illegible] our [illegible] guest [illegible] surprised me when they arrived, but they all had guest cards. They got in about 11 or a little later."

Sutton said it was 3 a.m. when he locked up and the Secret Service men left ahead of him.

"They wanted to know where 'The Cellar' was, and I told them. But I did my best to discourage them. I don't know whether they went or not."

Sutton said they seemed to be in pretty good shape when they left.

File of Suspects

The FBI—In Dallas, police stated that the FBI had interviewed Lee Oswald but had not informed them about the interview. In Washington, the FBI denied they had interrogated Oswald recently.

Whether he was interviewed recently or a long time ago, it is the job of the protective agencies of government to check on each suspect in any city the President visits and to make sure where he is at the time of the visit.

A man who had been head of a Fair Play for Cuba Committee, who had professed Marxism, and whose record showed a mixed-up, unsteady emotionalism, should have been kept under careful watch on the day the President entered his city—one of the most lawless and intolerant cities in the United States.

The Secret Service keeps a file of people who have written threatening letters to the President or who are otherwise suspect. If Oswald was not on their list, the FBI should have communicated with the Secret Service after they interviewed him. Since

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photographs of Oswald passing out pro-Castro leaflets were shown on television the FBI and the Secret Service should have been able to catalogue him without too much trouble.

It's true that there has been long-standing jealousy between the FBI and the Secret Service. Sometimes they act almost as if they don't speak. But they should stop squabbling over jurisdiction and headlines, at least where the life of the President is concerned.

The Dallas Police: I was in Dallas on the [illegible] day President Kennedy was shot. I was [illegible] the alleged assassin [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of the Dallas Police Station [illegible] and that it is inconceivable that the police did not know Jack Ruby's [illegible].

[illegible] had to show [illegible] to two police guards to enter the basement. It was more difficult to get into than the White House. Yet a little night club operator [illegible] police [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] it had been [illegible] for [illegible] and jostling [illegible]. This is not the kind of [illegible] allowed in police headquarters when the most important defendant in Texas history is being transferred. How this happened may never be explained by the Dallas police. But a bipartisan thorough-going congressional committee should probe to the bottom.

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